

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph [0048] on page 27, line 20 through page 28, line 13 as follows:

[0048] The amount of the unstable terminal group can be selected from a range of not more than 1.0% by weight (e.g., about 0.01 to 0.9% by weight), and may be, for example, not more than 0.8% by weight (e.g., about 0.01 to 0.6% by weight), preferably not more than 0.5% by weight (e.g., about 0.01 to 0.4% by weight), more preferably not more than 0.4% by weight (e.g., about 0.01 to 0.3% by weight), and particularly not more than 0.25% by weight (e.g., about 0.01 to 0.25% by weight), relative to the total amount of the polyacetal resin (polyacetal copolymer). Incidentally, the amount of the unstable terminal group is an index regarding polymer quality, and represented as the percentage (% by weight) relative to the polyacetal resin copolymer based on the following manner: putting 1 g of the polyacetal resin copolymer and 100 ml of 50% (by volume) methanol aqueous solution containing 0.5% (by volume) of ammonium hydroxide in a pressure tight and airtight container, heat-treating the mixture solution at 180°C for 45 minutes, then cooling and opening the container, and quantitatively determining the amount of formaldehyde dissolved and eluted by decomposition in the resulting solution.

Please amend the paragraph [00153] on page 85, lines 13-21 as follows:

[0153] [Amount of trioxane elution from molded product]

Each polyacetal resin molded product consisting of 2 test pieces (one test piece: 50 mm x 50 mm x 2 mm; total surface area: about 108

~~dm<sup>2</sup>~~ cm<sup>2</sup>), was subjected to an extract treatment with 54 mL of distilled water by heating under reflux for 2 hours, and the extract solution was subjected to quantitatively determine the amount of trioxane elution (mg/kg) per weight (1 kg) of polyacetal resin molded product by GC/MS method.

Please amend the paragraphs on page 98, lines 8-12 as follows:

(c-6): 8,12-Eicosadienedioic acid hydrazide [~~Amicure~~ AMICURE UDH", manufactured by Ajinomoto Fine-Techno Co., Inc.]

(c-7): 1,3-Bis(2-hydrazinocarbonylethyl)-5-isopropylhydantoin [manufactured by Ajinomoto Fine-Techno Co., Inc., "~~Amicure~~ AMICURE VDH"]

Please amend the paragraphs on page 98, lines 16-20 as follows:

(c-11): Nylon 6-66-610 [manufactured by Du Pont, "~~Elvamide~~ ELVAMIDE 8063R"]

(c-12): Nylon 66 [pulverized matter of deep freezed "~~Polyplanylon~~ POLYPLANYLON 66"(manufactured by Polyplastics Co., Ltd., mean particle size: 3μm]